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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181

Sir:

Applicant requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above identified patent application.

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment mailed February 11, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment indicates that the above identified patent application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on April 29, 2002. The Notice of Abandonment indicates that no reply was received.

Applicant filed a Response to the April 29, 2002 Office letter on May 29, 2002. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of Applicant's Response as filed on May 29, 2002. Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the Transmittal Form (signed and dated May 29, 2002) that accompanied Applicant's Response with a Certificate of Mailing executed on May 29, 2002. Attached as Exhibit C is a copy of the return receipt postcard for Applicant's Response bearing the Office's date stamp of June 10, 2002 thereby indicating the Office received Applicant's Response.

Based on personal knowledge, the undersigned attests to the timely filing of Applicant's Response and Transmittal.

Inasmuch as Applicant timely filed a reply as required by the April 29, 2002 Office letter, the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn. Please proceed with prosecution of this application on the basis of the attached copy of Applicant's Response.

If it is believed that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, please feel free to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 24, 7003

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